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SUBJECT: WFP/CFA -- EMERGENCY RESERVE

1. 500,000 TON EMERGENCY RESERVE (AGENDA ITEM 6B) DISCUSSED
MORNING MEETING APRIL 29. SWEDEN PROPOSED FOUR POINTS FOR ADOPTION
BY CFA: (A) REITERATION OF 7TH SS LANGUAGE CALLING ON COUNTRIES
TO EARMARK FUNDS OR COMMODITIES FOR RESERVE; (B) WFP SHOULD BE
INFORMED OF EXISTENCE AND COMPOSITION SUCH EARMARKED COMMODITIES/
FUNDS; (C) AS NEEDS ARISE WFP WOULD REQUEST AGREEMENT OF
EARMARKING COUNTRIES TO USE COMMODITIES/FUNDS AVAILABLE (I.E.
NO CHANGE IN PRESENT EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND NO AUTOMATICITY,
AT LEAST FOR NOW); (D) THE EARMARKING COUNTRIES TO KEEP WFP
FULLY INFORMED OF DISPOSITION OF COMMODITIES FUNDS.

2. DEBATE ON RESERVE FAIRLY LOW-KEY. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
DID NOT PUSH FOR BROADER DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY SITUATIONS TO
COVER GENERAL BOP PROBLEMS AND ONLY GUINEA OBSERVER ARGUED
FOR PHYSICAL LOCATION OF RESERVE IN DEVELOPING REGIONS.
ON DONOR SIDE, ONLY SWITZERLAND JOINED NORWAY AND SWEDEN AS
CONTRIBUTORS TO RESERVE, BUT DID NOT SPECIFY AMOUNT. USDEL
VOICED BELIEF RESERVE CAN MAKE USEFUL CONTRIBUTION IF RESULTS
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IN NEW RESOURCES, EMPHASIZED US EMERGENCY AID ACTIVITIES AND

THAT ANNUAL RESERVE INCLUDED IN PL 480 BUDGETING, BUT
EXPLAINED WHY US DID NOT PLAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO 500,000 RESERVE.
EEC COUNTRIES, AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND JAPAN HEDGED POSITIONS ON
POSSIBLE FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS. CANADA ASKED SECRETARIAT IF IT
HAD SENT QUERIES TO NEWLY RICH AND CENTRAL PLANNING COUNTRIES
REGARDING PARTICIPATION. SECRETARIAT SAID IT WAS PLANNING TO DO
THIS IN LATER STAGES.

3. DISCUSSION WILL CONCLUDE MORNING MAY 2 WITH PROBABLE ADOPTION
OF SWEDISH PROPOSAL AS NEAR-TERM GUIDELINES FOR RESERVE OPERATION.
USDEL PLANS TO NOT OPPOSE.VOLPE

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